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AIDS hike part of week of advocacy on the Hill

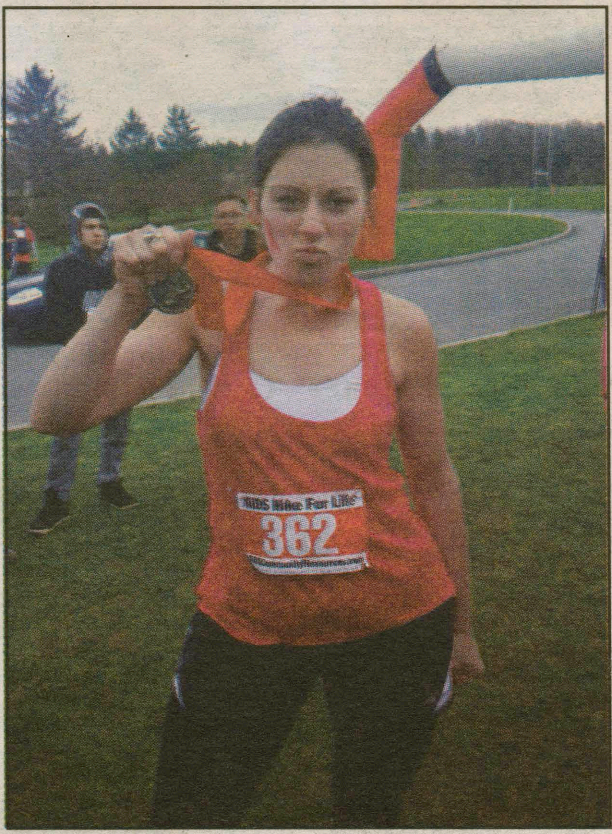
by Katharine Fuzesi '17
News Writer

Last Sunday, Hamilton hosted its 16th annual AIDS Hike for Life, a hike around Hamilton that raises money for ACR Health, a nonprofit community-based organization providing services and support to people living with chronic illness. A total of 380 participants were in attendance, including students from local colleges and community members from the Mohawk Valley. Though the event did not reach its goal of $50,000, it did raise $35,906 for ACR. One hundred percent of the funds raised from the hike will go to ACR's youth HIV/STD prevention programs and client support services.

The event was sponsored by AIDS Community Resources and the AIDS Hike for Life Committee led by Lauren Lanzotti '14, Jeannine Murtaugh, a recent retiree of the Hamilton College Career Center and Melissa Camman, health development associate at ACR's Utica branch office. The rest of the board included Student Assembly President Lia Parker-Belfer '16, other members of SA as well as members from various groups on campus, including Philanthropy Committee, Rainbow Alliance, Black Latino Student Union, the Womyn's Center and the Greek Council.

Additionally, ACR Director of Development Carrie Portzline-Large, in charge of all ACR's fundraising events, helped coordinate the hike.

Like other fundraising walks, people form a team and create a page using firstgiving.com, through which friends and family can donate to the cause. Then, each team (featuring people of all ages) comes to Hamilton to relax, have fun and raise awareness about ACR. Additionally, ACR Community Resources hosted other events throughout the year to both raise money and publicize the hike. This year, these fundraising events included the "Sing Off in Opus, where we raised $420 in an hour from the generosity and talent of Hamilton students, trivia nights, Starbucks giveaways… and our Pizza & Wings fundraiser this year," Lanzotti told *The Spectator*.



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Claire Barton '14 poses after completing the AIDS Hike for Life.

"After the teams raise money," Lanzotti shared, "we all hike or run the 5k loop around Hamilton. This path is outlined by posters telling us AIDS and HIV related statistics, the names of people who are suffering or who have died from AIDS, places where you can get help or get tested and other information regarding ACR and its mission. We have a big breakfast before the walk and have a lunch and DJ'ed concert after. There is face painting, frisbee, Starbucks and Saranac soda and all kinds of fun events at the hike home base at Babbitt pavilion." This year, Hamilton's own Special K formed a team and raised over $3,000. They were awarded the trophy for Top Fundraising for a College Team.

"Their trophy will be displayed in the pub, hopefully inspiring others to step up to the challenge and raise money," Lanzotti said.

Lanzotti believes in the mission of ACR and walks to support it. "The hike serves as a reminder that AIDS is still a problem, and it also serves to remind us that the spread of HIV and STDs is 100 percent preventable. We walk, run and raise money so that we can help put a stop to the AIDS epidemic and so that we can encourage everyone everywhere to seek out proper sex education. We also raise money so that we can help those for whom it is too late to prevent."

SAVES exposes realities of sexual assault on campus

by Erin McCulloch '16
News Contributor

Worldwide, one in five female college students is sexually assaulted while at school. According to survey responses, one in four female students at Hamilton have been sexually assaulted. Campus sexual assaults are notoriously underreported, but Hamilton SAVES (Sexual Assault and Violence Education and Support) is working to combat sexual assault on our campus.

SAVES is a student organization whose mission is "to inform the student body about issues related to sexual assault on college campuses, improving resources available to students, and sponsoring campus-wide awareness events and activities." Chloe Shanklin '16 and Gaela Dennison-Leonard '16 are two SAVES members working toward spreading awareness about sexual assault on our campus.

For Sexual Assault Awareness Month, SAVES hosted Sexual Assault Awareness Week from Tuesday, April 22 to Wednesday, April 30. SAVES hung T-shirts along the upper level of the Kirner-Johnson Building to take part in the Clothesline Project, a national campaign started in 1990 to address violence against women. This campaign created a visible display of Hamilton students' feelings about rape and sexual violence.

Shanklin and Dennison-Leonard stated that there is about one incident of sexual assault every weekend at Hamilton. On April 29, *The Post-Standard*, a Syracuse-based newspaper, reported, "Hamilton College in Clinton, with an enrollment of 1,900 students, had the second-highest total of reported sexual assaults in the region."

Shanklin and Dennison-Leonard voiced their concern that Hamilton students do not understand the prevalence of sexual assault. In a collaborative email to *The Spectator*, they explained, "It does happen here…It happens in a lot of ways and rarely as portrayed in the media," they said. "It continues affecting the survivor and everyone around them for much more than people realize."

Moreover, many Hamilton students do not know what defines sexual assault or consent. "If people really knew those definitions they would hopefully act differently in hook up situations," said Shanklin and Dennison-Leonard. "Awareness can start small, just changing the language used and the jokes made on campus, and having more open conversations with friends and partners."

In a survey, 20 percent of Hamilton students said they had been assaulted, and almost 75 percent of those assaults happened on the Hill. Yet, only over half the participants believe that sexual assault is an issue at Hamilton. Shanklin and Dennison-Leonard said this statistic scared them the most, for just "one assault on campus is an issue."

The underreporting of sexual assaults has been a recurring issue at Hamilton. Shanklin, Dennison-Leonard and other SAV ES members "spend a lot of time working on training Peer Advocates and cultivating an environment where people feel safe enough to talk about their experiences and come forward."

"We go to a very small school and one misconception about sexual assault is that it is normally done by a stranger some place where you feel unsafe," explained Shanklin and Dennison-Leonard. While people may envision "a very SVU-like scene," statistics show that the majority of sexual assaults are committed by acquaintances, specifically, people with whom others follow home after a party. "This makes it very hard to speak out," said Shanklin and Dennison-Leonard.

Hamilton students should utilize the great resources and outlets available in case they ever experience any nonconsensual sexual harassment or violence. Peer Advocates is a confidential organization that includes students trained to assist victims of sexual assault. Peer Advocates is a confidential, knowledgeable, resource whose students are familiar with Hamilton College's policies on sexual assault and are not required to report any confidential incidents.

"This is such a painfully serious issue," Shanklin and Dennison-Leonard told *The Spectator*, "Shying away from it because it's uncomfortable, or we want to pretend it doesn't happen, only makes it more difficult for survivors to move forward and for the culture to change."

The Movement takes its message to Martin's Way

by Brian Sobotko '16
News Editor

The student group known as The Movement continued its efforts to enhance the conversation about race on campus with an event they called a "Walk for Solidarity."

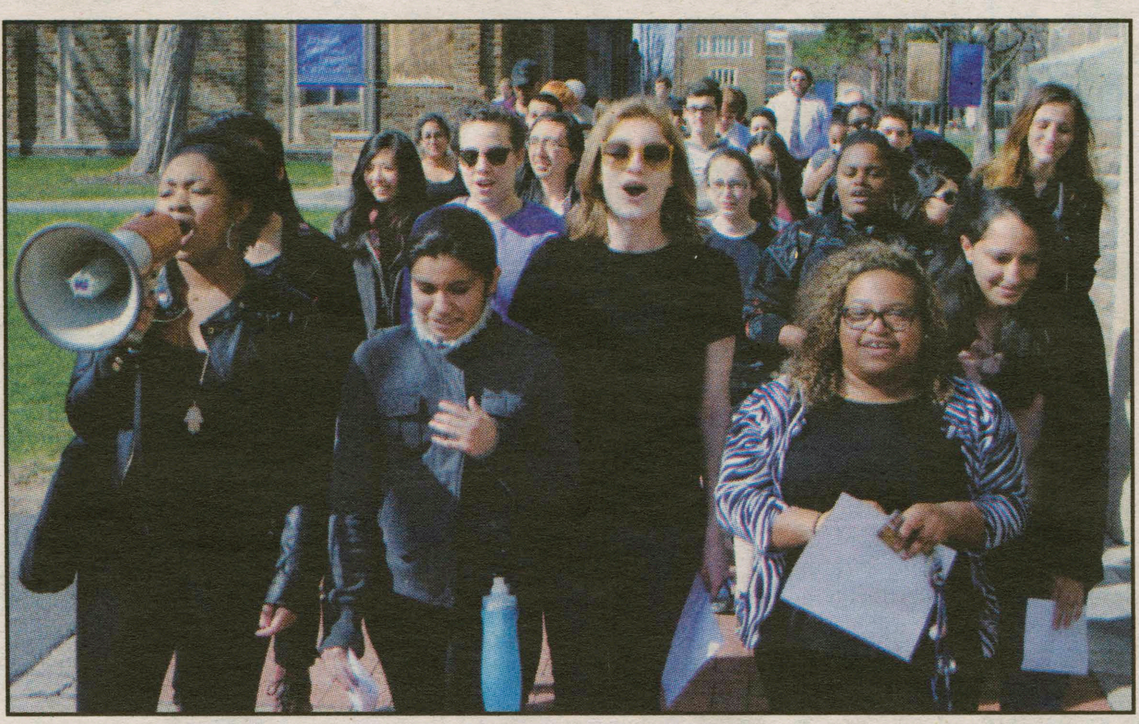
The walk, which occurred Monday, April 28 at 4 p.m., went from the Science Center to Sadove. Once the group—which included approximately 40 people—arrived at Sadove, student volunteers read aloud stories that had been published on the group's Tumblr page. Originally, the group requested that all in attendance wear hoodies as a sign of solidarity, but the group shifted the request to wearing black before the event.

"It has been a bit of time since we published our constitution and can feel the conversation and passion slipping away from the campus," The Movement explained on its Tumblr page. "It is our desire that we all stand in solidarity and conduct a march from the Taylor Science Center to the front of Sadove Student Activities Center."

The group published its constitution three weeks ago and demanded the formation of institutional board and a mandatory one semester seminar covering issues of diversity.

Students, faculty and staff attended the march with notable attendees including President Joan Hinde Stewart and Dean of Students Nancy Thompson. Emma Wilkinson '16, one of the students in attendance, was pleased with the event and the presence of school leaders.

"It was very exciting to see them there because I think the Movement has created enough attention to force the campus to address issues of exclusion. It was powerful to participate in a march to give those who are usually silenced a voice," Wilkinson explained.



Student leaders from The Movement organized and led the march from the Science Center to Sadove Student Center

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President Stewart and Dean Thompson show their support for the student group during the Walk for Solidarity.

Jake Blount '17 echoed that sentiment. "I would say it was definitely reassuring to see that many people out there walking with us and reading those stories."

Sahyli Febles '15 told *The Spectator* "It was a humbling experience to hear some of the stories posted on the Tumblr page. Their experiences felt real as we read them out loud in front of Sadove."

While the event itself clearly garnered more support for the discussion and symbolized the College's solidarity, supporters are optimistic about the direction Hamilton is going in terms of race relations.

"Seeing the many events that have sprung up after the Movement posted their Tumblr page gives me hope that I can work with concerned faculty to bring about real change next year. I refuse to let these issues slide under the radar like they have been for decades. Even after the Movement's first protest, we all stopped talking about it within weeks," Wilkinson explained. "I am passionate and committed to seeing a more inclusive Hamilton, one where every student feels comfortable walking home at night, where we no longer throw racist, sexist, classist, and homophobic parties, where students are not asked to represent their entire marginalized identity, and where we can have intelligent and respectful conversations that value personal experience along with statistics."

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety's transparency and draw attention to students' dangerous and destructive behaviors, *The Spectator* will publish a selection of the previous weekend's incidents each Thursday. The entire report is available in the online edition of *The Spectator.* Both Campus Safety and *The Spectator* will use their discretion regarding what is published.

Friday, April 25, 2014

1:04 a.m. Assist Event Staff—Bundy Dining Hall

2:19 a.m. Noise Complaint—Dunham Hall

8:30 a.m. Parking Complaint—Spencer House

9:40 a.m. Parking Complaint—Bristol Center

2:00 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation—ABC House

2:30 p.m. Area Check—Reservoir

4:22 p.m. Noise Complaint—Carnegie Hall

6:46 p.m. Noise Complaint—McIntosh Hall

9:26 p.m. Noise Complaint—Babbitt Hall

11:00 p.m. Concern for Welfare—Keehn Hall

Saturday, April 26, 2014

1:53 a.m. Assist Kirkland Police—College Street

2:00 a.m. Noise Complaint—Bundy Dining Hall

2:00 a.m. Area Check—Jitney Stop/Sadove Circle

2:15 a.m. Area Check—Milbank Hall Exterior

8:10 a.m. Criminal Mischief—Backus House

1:56 p.m. Medical Emergency—Skenandoa House

10:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident—Main Quad

10:42 p.m. Medical Emergency—Sadove Center

Sunday, April 27, 2014

12:41 a.m. Noise Complaint—Babbitt Hall

2:50 a.m. Disorderly Conduct—4002A Campus Road

3:15 a.m. Noise Complaint—Dunham Hall

Valerie Smith lectures on women's leadership

by Shannon O'Brien '15
News Editor

On Tuesday, April 29, students, faculty and staff gathered in the Kennedy Auditorium to hear Princeton University's Dean of the College Valerie Smith speak about her career path as a woman of color and to glean general wisdom from the well-rounded leader. Smith's talk focused on women in education and in roles of leadership.

"This is a very different lecture for me to give," Smith said in the beginning of her talk. She explained that, like busy students, she and her colleagues often become immersed in their academic work, lending little time to reflect on their careers or lives in general. Smith admitted, "I've actually never given a talk about women's leadership in academia before." However, she also stated, "I have a responsibility, I think, to share my experience."

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Dean Smith chronicled her experiences in academia.

Smith grew up in Brooklyn in the 1950s and 60s, a time that she said had significant influence on her development as a woman of color and academic. She and her siblings watched events on television such as the bombing of the 16th Street Church in Birmingham, the March on Washington and the anti-Vietnam War protests.

Smith's family environment also informed her passion for learning. Describing her household as "a family of readers ... a nerdy group," she said that her parents encouraged her to learn from the urban culture of New York City in addition to her formal education. As a teenager, Smith explored all of the museums, theatres and exhibits that the city had to offer, calling the experience "a sort of gustatory experiment."

Once she entered academia, Smith carried her experiences from New York City with her, spending time studying the relationships between urban space and social change, arts and politics and literature and history, with a particular interest in "the politics of intersectionality."

After receiving her Ph.D. at the University of Virginia and teaching at various institutions across the country, Smith became the Woodrow Wilson Professor of Literature and helped found the Center for African American Studies at Princeton University. Smith's involvement in planning and directing the new Center for African American Studies demonstrated her potential for leadership, but Smith said, "I had no interest in being an administrator." However, Smith finally decided to take the opportunity to become a dean, saying that a "colleague pushed me out of a smug complacency born out of ignorance." Although Smith did not have a set plan for her career and described her life as "serendipitous," she emphasized that the journey to becoming a high-ranking administrative official was not easy. "It didn't help that I didn't see many women like me in this role," she explained, yet she expressed that her position as dean has improved the intersecting issues of race and gender on campus. A newly hired woman of color professor wrote to Smith in an email, "I feel like I have an ally in campus leadership."

Smith is currently one of the highest-ranking women administrators in the Ivy League. Her persistence and dedication to weaving her intellectual work into real life experiences on her campus as an administrator makes her an admirable figure for students, faculty and staff alike.

Student Assembly Update

by Brian Sobotko '16
News Editor

Student Assembly discusses Honor Code

Associate Dean of Students for Academics Steve Orvis visited Student Assembly this week to lead a discussion on the Honor Code. Orvis revealed the results of the Honor Code Survey sent out at the end of the fall semester. The survey revealed that most violations occur on homework assignments. It also revealed a known truth that students are unlikely to report other students but are more likely to confront students they think are violating the Honor Code.

The administration plans to use the information they have gathered to refocus the Honor Code discussion during New Student Orientation. This discussion will replace the online quiz students must take the summer before arriving on campus. Finally, students will sign the Honor Code during matriculation.

SA also confirmed next year's Honor Court nominees. The Class of 2015 reps are Will Robbins and Crystal Kim, Class of 2016 will be represented by Kate Getman and Carolyn Mitchell and Class of 2017 by Jack Siegel and Taylor Elicegui.

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NESCAC NEWS

by Dan Snyder '17
News Writer

Tufts students protest on behalf of janitors

On April 23, a group of students called the Tufts Labor Coalition (TLC) rallied and marched in support of the college's janitorial staff. The student group took these actions because of the mistreatment of the janitors on campus. More specifically, they believe there is a breach of contract by their contractor.

Vice President of TLC Rae Axner '14 said in a statement, "The janitors are clearly in a precarious situation because they are not employed by Tufts University; they are employed by their contractor DTZ/Unicco." He continued, "There [have] been a lot of problems with the contractor in the past couple of years. There are three major issues that are going on right now, two of which are contractual violations, one of which isn't specifically a violation of the contract — it's just mistreatment."

Axner later said the biggest issue is the lack of full-time employment for the janitors. According to an article on *The Tufts Daily* website, the janitors' contract states there will be a 75/25 split between full-time and part-time workers, but currently, only 58 percent of janitors are employed full-time. Additionally, Axner suggests that the contractor, DTZ, has been manipulating schedules by replacing full-time employees with multiple part-time employees.

Additionally, Axner suggested that DTZ could be cutting corners. She stated, "We have janitors who are assigned to three, four, five buildings every day and DTZ also does not keep staff on retainer to cover when other janitors are sick." She explained that the quality of work has gone down as the demands on janitors have risen.

The incoming vice president of TLC, Giovanna Castro, led the rally, which included students, professors and janitors. The university administration said they will respond to the TLC letter of demands by the end of the semester.

Amherst to give Brooks and Silver honorary degrees

Political commentator David Books, and prominent statistician Nate Silver are among seven to be honored at the Amherst College commencement on May 25.

Brooks is an analyst on PBS NewsHour, an op-ed columnist for *The New York Times* and a frequent commentator on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1983. Although he identifies as a conservative, his articles often resonate with people on both sides of the political spectrum. In the past, he has written for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Weekly Standard*, and *National Review*.

Nate Silver is a statistician, editor-in-chief of ESPN's FiveThirtyEight blog and a special correspondent for ABC News. He is perhaps most famous for correctly predicting results in 49 states in the 2008 presidential election, as well as 35 senate races that year. He followed up that feat by correctly predicting all 50 states in the 2012 presidential election. Silver is a graduate of the University of Chicago and has studied at the London School of Economics.

Other honorees include four-time Olympic medal winning swimmer, Cullen Jones, President and CEO of SHI International Corp., Thai-Hi Lee, economist Yasuo Sakakibara, artist Sarah Sze and Amherst trustee Jide Zeitlin '85.

MIDDLEBURY TRINITY TUFTS WESLEYAN WILLIAMS

Sciacca gives lecture on Hamilton's hidden past

by Kyle Burnham '15
News Contributor

On Friday, April 25, Associate Professor of German and Russian Languages and Literatures Frank Sciacca gave the most recent Brown Bag Lunch Talk of the semester, titled "Hamilton Revisited: Sex, Politics, and Religion on the Hill in the 1930s." For nearly an hour, Sciacca captivated his audience, spinning a complicated narrative based on a score of fascinating characters.

Sciacca's talk spanned an entire century, starting with the Class of 1909 and ending with former Hamilton President Eugene Tobin's presidency in the early 2000s. Sciacca explored power dynamics exacerbated by sexuality and religious difference.

The connecting point between these decades and people, or as Sciacca put it, the "locus of anxiety," was a "charming little salmon-colored stuccoed building" that once stood near the current Taylor Science Center. Like many other buildings on campus ,its name changed several times. In its last incarnation, it was known as the Fancher House.

During the mid-1980s, Sciacca was a resident of the house. The building's architecture, so unique and distinct from the other buildings on campus, intrigued him, as did its history, mired in rumors of scandal. Built in the 1930s and intended as a chapel, the Fancher House was used as a guest house through the 1960s, finally becoming faculty housing.

Sciacca interwove many different threads to tell this hidden history. Reverend Frederick Hastings Smyth, Class of 1909, is a central figure in the story. As a student, Smyth, along with Alexander Woollcott and Robert "Bobo" Rudd, a future Hamilton professor, helped charter the performing arts group The Charlatans. All three men were gay, and their classmates referred to them as "the sorority."

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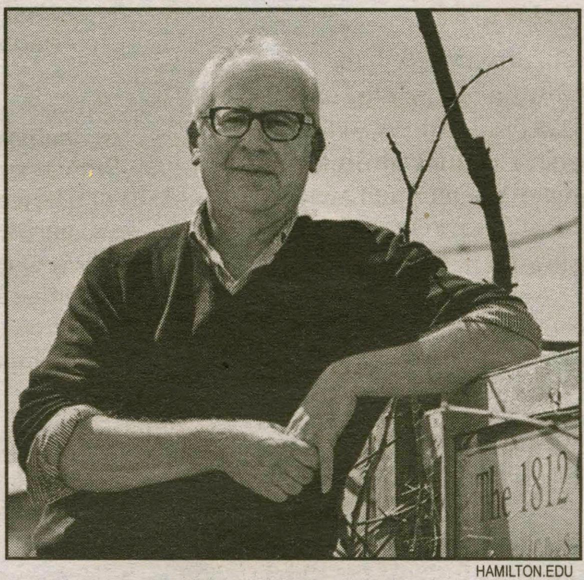
> — *Professor Frank Sciacca*

After graduating from Hamilton, Smyth became both a Marxist and a member of the Anglo-Catholic church, a small denomination that attempted to bring dramatic Catholic pomp back to the Anglican Church. He returned to Hamilton in 1933 with the goal to merge science and religion.

Smyth also had the support of Hamilton trustees Rogers and Miller (the latter also an Anglo-Catholic). Smyth held requiems for small groups of students in a house in Clinton, which gained a reputation as a homosexual hangout spot. More inappropriately than his interest in boys or Catholicism, however, was his interest in Communism. It even garnered him FBI surveillance; Sciacca reports, however, that the FBI found Smyth "more odd than dangerous."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Professor Sciacca discussed scandals and secrets from Hamilton's past.

Professor of English Composition, Choir Director and advisor of the aforementioned Charlatans, Paul Adee Fancher was also known for being gay. He earned the nickname "Smut" from his students. His wife Edith Read Fancher commissioned Ralph Adams Cram to build a chapel for Smyth. Cram, also gay, was an incredibly famous ecclesiastical and collegiate architect. "Cram was without question the most important architect to work on Hamilton's campus," said Sciacca.

However, the Fancher property, where Cram's chapel for Smyth was to be built, was right next to the campus, meaning that the building would appear to be part of the College. Chair of the Trustees Elihu Root and then-President Ferry tried to deter the Fanchers and Smyth from building the chapel, but they were unsuccessful.

While President Ferry claimed objection because of the Catholic nature of the chapel, Smyth's homosexuality and radical politics were most likely the true controversies. Elihu Root's solution was to build a high fence to clearly separate the Fancher property and chapel from Hamilton's campus. To avoid further trouble, the Fanchers ultimately decided to turn the nearly-completed building into a summer house. Eventually, Smyth left for Harvard and Fancher, after his retirement, gifted the house to Hamilton College.

The story continues 70 years in the future, when President Tobin's administration renovated the science center. Ignorant of the history of building, Tobin planned to tear down the Fancher House and to create a more unified looking campus. Sciacca and Professor of Art History Rand Carter fought unsuccessfully to keep the building, educating the administration about Cram's fame and architectural importance.

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A week we cannot forget

This past week, a number of student-led initiatives have sought to foster a safer, healthier and more tolerant community. On Sunday, the Class of 2014 helped sponsor the AIDS Hike for Life, which had over 300 participants and raised over $38,000 for AIDS research. The next day, a group of students, faculty and administrators held the Walk for Solidarity, during which students shared their experiences of discrimination at Hamilton. Also, on Wednesday, Student Assembly hosted its second town hall about diversity and inclusion on campus.

Yet, the largest series of positive events this last week were undoubtedly those stemming from Sexual Assault Awareness Week (SAAW). In KJ, t-shirts representing sexual assault survivors adorned the atrium as part of the nationwide Clothesline Project. Last Wednesday, Hamilton SAVES (Sexual Assault and Violence Education & Support) held its annual speak-out in the Glen House for students to share stories and discuss sexual assault and harassment on campuses. Then, on Friday, student-athletes gathered in front of Soper Commons during prime lunch hours to read stories of sexual assault. This gesture is particularly important, as, according to a Jeff Benedict study, one in three college sexual assaults is committed by an athlete. The events continued into this week, with two Hamilton students giving a presentation about hooking up and consent this Wednesday.

In light of all these well-publicized events, though, a critical question remains: Is Hamilton doing enough to prevent sexual assault? Given the national attention this issue has received—President Obama recently released guidelines increasing the pressure on colleges to aggressively combat sexual assaul—and the shocking nationwide statistics—a White House panel found that one in five college females has experienced sexual assault but that only 12 percent of assaults are reported—it is clear Hamilton cannot stand on the sidelines. In fact, SAVES surveyed 500 Hamilton students in the fall, revealing that 100 of the respondents had experienced sexual assault and that 40 percent of those surveyed were not sure if sexual assault was a major problem on campus.

Besides the aforementioned SAAW, which is organized by students, the administration has taken important steps in recent years to address sexual assault. In addition to mandatory orientation sessions about the definition of consent, Dean of Students Nancy Thompson sends all-campus emails when sexual assaults occur, the Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board publishes widespread information about steps to take after a sexual assault occurs and SAVES trains peer advocates to guide sexual assault survivors.

Still, the school--both students and administrators--can do more. The White House survey found that not all sexual assault prevention programs are created equal. Hamilton should learn from the most effective school programs; at the University of New Hampshire, witnesses learn to intervene if they observe the tell-tale signs of a potential sexual assault, such as heavily intoxicated individuals. In addition, Hamilton should move away from videos and descriptions that use generic situations and, instead, use real stories from those in the Hamilton community, like those shared in the SAVES speak-out.

The most important cultural change Hamilton can make, however, is seeing sexual assault awareness as more than a week-long series of events. Rather, it should be prevalent in the campus dialogue 365 days a year.

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Housing lottery creates unnecessary drama

by Zach Pilson '16
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Tucked between students' return back to campus and the upcoming final exams and papers, the housing lottery serves as a prime example of Hamilton's over-bureaucratic nonsense adding unnecessary stress to students' already hectic lives. Res Life has created a system in which students must plan for any and all possible scenarios while constantly being left in the dark about exactly what is going on. On Sunday, that system came crumbling down and left me and others like me confused, angry and placed in an unjust situation.

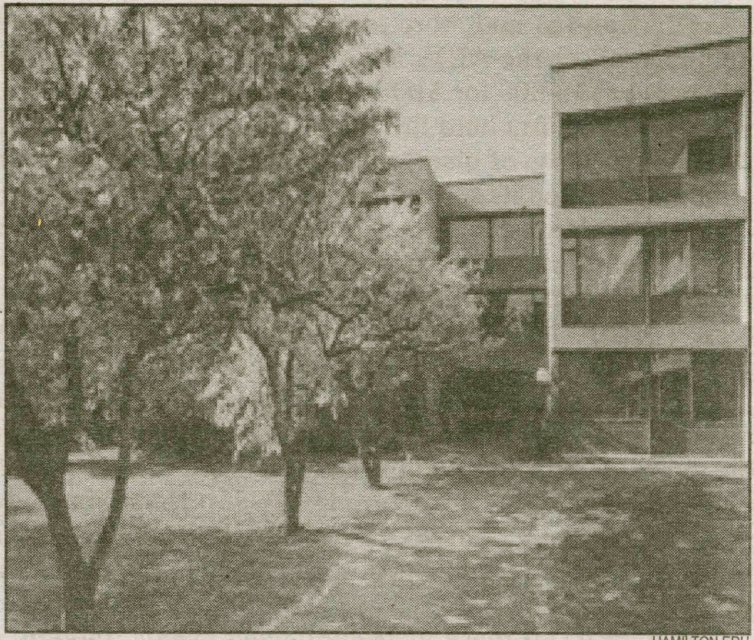
As a rising junior with a fairly average lottery number of 160, I decided to follow all of Res Life's suggestions in order to get the best possible room without adding too much stress to my busy weekend. I asked around with other sophomores and older students who have been in a similar scenario and figured that, despite recent housing changes, it was likely that I would end up with a Dark Side single or double or a Dunham single. Knowing that anything can happen, I planned out several back up plans with other students in case things went south.

Then the day of the lottery came. I followed Res Life's real-time available housing list, and as my turn grew close, I saw that there were nearly ten available singles on Dark Side. Confident that I would be able to get one, I told the students with whom I had made backup plans that I would most likely be getting a single and went to go pick my room.

After I showed my ID, I waited to go with the escort into the room of reckoning. I walked over to the giant floor plan of a Dark Side dorm and was told there were five or six singles open for me. Little did I know that all but one of these singles had actually been taken before I even entered the Annex. I walked over to the other floor plan for Macintosh and waited in line to put in my selection. As I reached the front of the line, another student who had taken longer to decide on rooms was allowed to skip me and get the last single in the dorm because his number happened to be better than mine.

Although the online housing list said I had nine singles to choose from, and I was told once inside the Annex that there were five available, I ended up being shut out of all of them and had to call another student to get a new room. He had already made other plans so I decided to not screw up anyone else's situation and look for another single. However, the time I took waiting on the Macintosh line was costly, and I had to go back on the line for Dunham singles and was not allowed to jump in front of other students who had worse numbers than me. All the available singles had already been taken by the time I reached the front, so once again, I found myself scrambling for a room. A lottery staffer informed me that there was a single available in Milbank as long as I could pull someone else into the adjacent single. I quickly went into the Barn and asked around to see if anyone wanted a Dark Side single. A girl quickly volunteered, and we rushed back into the Annex to get the spot before it was taken.

When I got back in the Annex, I was told the staff was mistaken and, in fact, the two singles where just one double, so I told the girl that it wouldn't work. After all the running around and trying to work with the staff, I was still left without a room. I was forced to pick a Bundy single or risk being put into the summer lottery. I left the Annex after two hours of unnecessary stress due to the poor planning of Res Life.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As part of the First-Year Experience, many Dark Side singles disappeared, creating confusion and frustration for students.

My situation is not too unusual for the housing lottery, a fact that further emphasizes broken Res Life department and the extremely flawed housing lottery system. The staff is unable to guide students who have been working with false information. We are left in a state of strategic ignorance, and those who fall through the cracks are dismissed as quickly as their situation crumbles.

The next day, I went to the office of Assistant Director of Residential Life Ashley Place to talk about what happened to me on Sunday. When I expressed my dissatisfaction with the structure of the housing lottery, Place only said that students should anticipate a lot of change and for information to be moved slowly and sometimes incorrectly.

Ultimately, I and many other students are left unhappy with the results of the lottery. I am now left to waste my time working to better my housing situation for next year because the system has failed me.

Thumbs Up

Second City: Carrie and Jessye, always willing to self-promote, will be attending their Comedy Studies program for the Fall. We're psyched to go but we'll always remember our loyal TUTD readers (all three of you).

Liz Lemon Challah: Any *30 Rock* themed challah is cool with us. We're hoping a Meat Cat endorsed Cheesy Blasters flavor is next.

Tumbling After Invitational: Since it's a spring Saturday, we assume that people will be rolling before!

Thumbs Down

Strawberries & Champagne: 1. Why do invitations need to be sent when this email technically does that? 2. Why was this event sent to the whole campus when it's just for seniors? 3. Stop teasing us.

Sushi 101 Email Says "It's the Only Class You Need to Pass": Please send our condolences and an order of crab rolls to anyone who failed out of Hamilton thinking this was true.

Who Cares?

Power Yoga and Yoga Club Cancelled: Not a problem, because Chair Massage Tuesday, Acupuncture and Dave Thompson quietly reading *Goodnight Moon* are still on!

Fall Positions Available: The best fall position is sitting on the Cider Mill steps on a Sunday afternoon, cider in one hand and a donut in the other.

Her Showings: In which students watch a supercut of *Arrested Development* scenes featuring Ann Veal.

by Carrie Solomon '16 and Jessye McGarry '16

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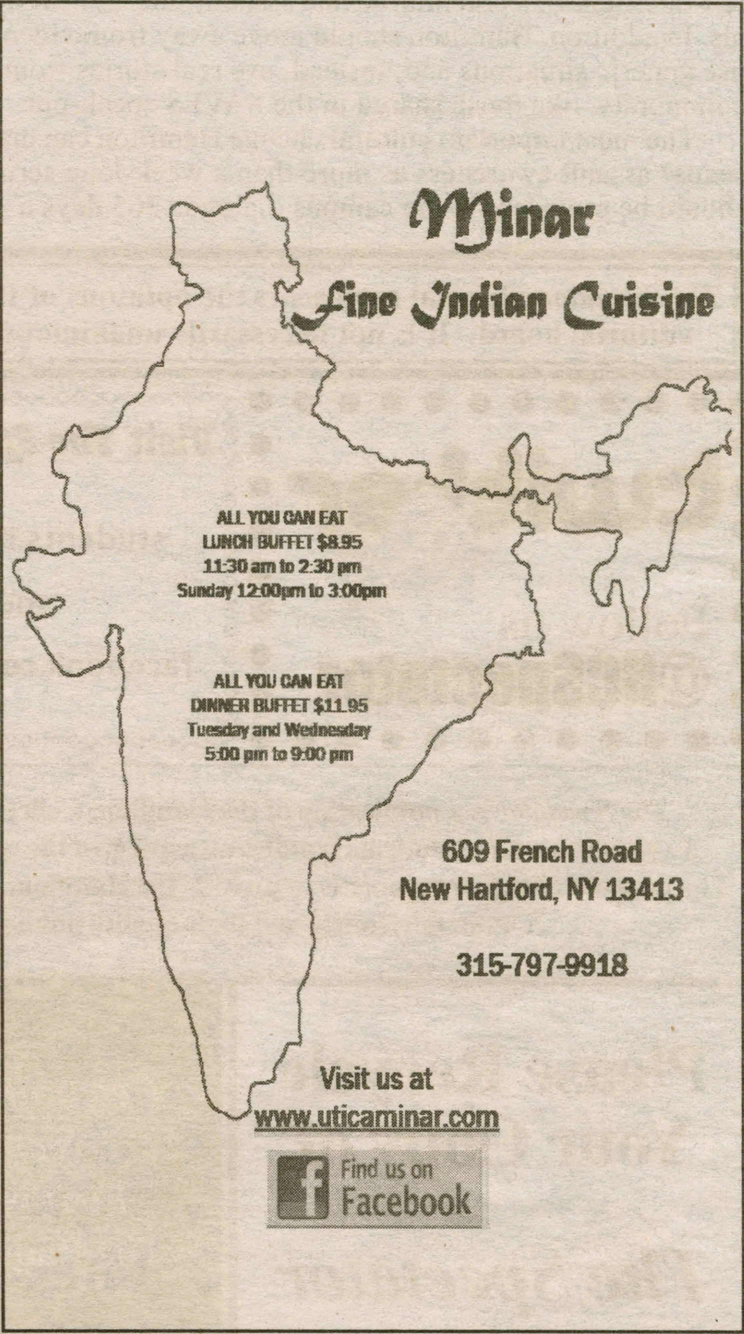

Is Hamilton wasting its money on banners?

by Courtney Kaplar '16
Opinion Editor

Anyone who uses Martin's Way to get across campus has probably noticed the recent addition of banners attached to the lampposts. They alternate between buff and blue and feature the College's motto, "Know Thyself", and phrases from its constitution such as "Cultural Diversity" and "Creativity."

Apparently, the banners were commissioned in order to make Hamilton appear more collegiate since other NESCAC schools also have similar ones, most notably Williams College. Somehow, I don't believe that putting new decorations on Martin's Way will make a big difference in our *U.S. News and World Report* ranking. Martin's Way was much better when it wasn't crowded with signs reminding us of the academic standards we are supposed to live up to.

So, what is the huge deal about these banners? As much as I dislike the banners in terms of their aesthetics—do they all have to be so close together?—we could have definitely found a better use for the money. Housing improvements, more grants, a wider variety of classes, a frozen yogurt machine in Commons—the possibilities endless.

Of course, the banners do have some sort of a purpose. They are meant to make Hamilton look like all of the other NESCAC schools—another reason to dislike them. Why do we have to appear like other colleges? Shouldn't we embrace being different from them?

It also seems that with the ongoing problem of vandalism on this campus, the new banners are bound to cause some problems. In fact, one of them on the lamppost outside of Commons has already been taken down, although the reason is unknown. The question is: will we continue to replace the banners if they are stolen or ruined?

As much as I personally dislike the banners on Martin's Way, they really do not have much of a direct impact on anything significant. I guess that I am just going to have to deal with it and hope that I don't have to cross from KJ to CJ very often during my senior year.

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Martin's Way last had banners in 2012, when Hamilton celebrated its 200th anniversary.

Communication and consent are key in hookup culture

by Erin McCulloch '16
Opinion Contributor

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April was Sexual Assault Awareness month. Events on the Hill included readings and speak outs as well as a discussion of consent and Hamilton's hookup culture.

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Andrew Austin '14 and Hannah Tessler '14 gave a very poignant presentation on consent at Hamilton. Their goal was to "establish the importance of clear consent and clarification in a hookup situation in order to prevent sexual assault."

According to the survey statistics they provided, 24 percent of women at Hamilton reported that they had been sexually assaulted. Furthermore, 76 percent of females said they knew a survivor of sexual assault. This, as Hannah explained, means that if you see four people walking down Martin's Way, the odds are that one of them was sexually assaulted and that the other three know of someone who was. Despite the number of sexual assaults reported in this survey, only two cases were brought to the Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board (HSMB) this year.

The underreporting of incidents of sexual assault is telling of the stigma surrounding "reputation" at Hamilton. Rightfully so—rumors travel insanely quickly around our campus. If something noteworthy happens, I hear about it on six to nine forms of social media, depending on how outrageous it is. So I get it—you've got a reputation to maintain. It would be horrifying if your gross, drunken hookup story the topic of choice over eggs on Sunday morning in Commons. As embarrassing as that would be, it would be worse to let a potential rapist walk free.

Bottom line: It only takes 20 seconds to stop and ask for consent. A quick confirmation—"Hey, is everything alright" "Is this okay" "What do you want to happen?"—could prevent you from making a detrimental mistake. As discussed in the talk tonight, "hookup" is a very ambiguous term and should be treated as such. The smartest thing you can do is openly communicate with your partner to avoid any confusion. If you ask someone, "How has your night been?," and he or she responds, "I don't know! I can't remember what I did tonight." You can assume this person is too intoxicated to consent. If someone is incapacitated due to drug or alcohol consumption, he/she is unable to consent (even if that person answers yes at the time).

Additionally, if you see your friend leaving a party to presumably go hookup with someone, try to confirm that he or she is, in fact, in a situation in which he (she) feels totally comfortable, and that he (she) is sober enough to make conscious decisions. Overcoming the bystander effect could play a serious role in helping a friend avoid sexual assault. If you do not do anything to stop a friend who is too drunk to consent to a hookup, you are complying with an action that could potentially harm him or her and are indirectly involved in the incident. When in doubt, just ask.

The hookup culture at Hamilton is inevitable. However, the student body could do a lot more to prevent incidents of sexual assault from occurring on campus. Please don't be the next "rapist" on Yik Yak.

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Hamilton College Women's Rugby Football
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Beers with Ben

by Ben Fields '15
Managing Editor

"Beers with Ben" *features various members of the Hamilton faculty in off-the-cuff interviews at the Little Pub.*

This week features **Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology Elizabeth Lee,** *drinking an Empire Brewing Company IPA.*

What is your least favorite thing about humanity?
That's a tough one. Maybe just simple cruelty to people. People's capacity to do awful, awful things to people directly and not out of ignorance.

Do you believe in aliens?
Hmm. I don't know if I believe in aliens or not. Also I don't think it matters if I believe in them, because if they're there, they're there.

Have you ever been offered a bribe?
Not that I know of. It's possible that I missed it somehow, but I don't think so.

What would you do if you weren't a professor?
I feel like I should have a better answer for this, but I think probably I would be a researcher.

If you could have any celebrity as your best friend, who would it be?
That one I maybe should have prepared for. Who would it be? I feel like maybe what's her face from *Charlie's Angels*...Drew Barrymore...or maybe Cameron Diaz, I feel like she could be fun. Or Lucy Liu, any of Charlie's Angels...I take it back, I take it back! I would totally want Simon Pegg to be my celebrity best friend.

How much did you drink in college?
The year before college, I was a study abroad student in Germany, and I turned 18 the summer before I got there, so it was legal to drink. And my host parents were 30 and 34 so they were like, "Have fun, bye bye." So I drank a lot before college, and when I got to college, I was like, "I'm cool." So I drank a lot, but I got the crazy out before college.

Salt or Pepper?
Salt

What did you want to be when you were growing up?
Fashion designer.

What book are you currently reading for fun?
I'm between books right now. I really like mysteries so I've been reading a lot of mysteries by M.C. Beaton, so if I were reading a book it would probably be an M.C. Beaton novel.

What's your all-time favorite TV show?
Over my entire life, the thing that has given me the most pleasure: Bugs Bunny cartoons.

If you had to pick any Hamilton faculty member to sing karaoke with, who would it be and why?
I have sung karaoke with Hamilton faculty members, whom I will not name. However, I will say that my partner, who is not a Hamilton faculty member, loves karaoke. So if I would sing karaoke with somone, it would be her.

What word from the English language would you remove?
Fergalicious.
If you could pick a real word? That is a real word! Can I pick three? Lovely lady lumps.
You're just not a Black Eyed Peas fan?
No, I love the Black Eyed Peas, I just don't like Fergie.

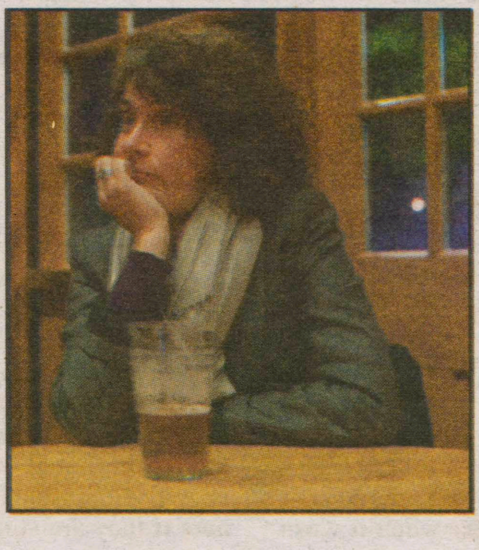
If you could live in any dorm on campus, where would you live?
I can't answer that question because I basically hear about two dorms: Bundy, which I hear very good and very bad things about, and I think someone mentioned Major to me earlier today. I feel very uninformed about this topic.

Where would you have your office if you could have it anywhere on campus?
KJ, definitely, all the way.

If you could go back in time to any era, when and where would you go?
If I could be a fantastically wealthy white woman, or man I guess, the U.S. 1920s pre-depression and pre-collapse. I think that would be pretty interesting. Not awesome for most people...but neither is the rest of history.

If you could get rid of any U.S. state...?
No. No. That's a slippery slope.

What's your favorite Disney character or movie?
I don't know. That's tough. Even though I have enjoyed watching a lot of Disney movies, I didn't really like the characters. I liked *Sleeping Beauty* when I was a kid a lot; that would probably be my favorite Disney movie [a late email corrected this to *Fantasia*]. I like the song in *Little Mermaid* that involves "Le poisson, le poisson heeheehee, hahaha," so maybe the crab from that.



Have you ever graded papers drunk?
I have never graded papers drunk, and no, I do not know any faculty members who do. I read that part [of the last interview] a couple of times.

If they were to make a biopic about your life, whom would you want to play you?
Um, I don't know. I would like Emily Blunt to play me, who I would also pick as my celebrity best friend, because I think she's awesome and, you know, she's Emily Blunt. And we nominally and vaguely look alike in the sense that we're both white and have brown hair. But she's also just awesome.

What is your favorite curse word?
I was just talking about this at Senior Dinner. I just read the Buzzfeed quiz about "How Sweary Are You?" It's pretty funny, and some of the words I think are just made up, but one of the words that I was like, "That's not a word," I then later saw on a blog, and I was like, "Oh my God, people say that!" But I'm not going to say it because it would make me blush. But I really like bitchtits, which I don't think is a swear word, but it was on the list. That one just has a new, fresh, I've-never-heard-that-word-before quality to it. Failing bitchtits, I would say f**k would be my number one.

Sound that you particularly love?
The ocean, that's an easy one, I guess.

Sound that you particularily hate?
People clipping their fingernails in public transportation or anywhere in public. Just gross.

Is there a profession that you would never do?
My sister has had way more different kinds of jobs than I have, and she has been both a car salesman and a telephone psychic, and I would never do either of those. Also, I have been a door-to-door canvassar, and I would never do that again.

Have you ever killed a man, just to watch him die?
I should have anticipated that one. No, I have never killed a man to watch him die, or for any other reason. Zero killing so far.

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Hamilton College Logic Puzzle#4

by Russell Marcus
Professor of Philosophy

The Puzzle

The spring thaw around Clinton, N.Y. can lead to some flooding. One year, College Hill Road, separating North Campus and South Campus, turned into a river, stranding four toddlers and their teacher from the Early Learning Center on the North side of campus. On the other side, four children from the pre-k room and their teacher were prevented from taking their walk to the mud pits formerly known as the golf course.

Fortunately, there was one three-seat canoe left at the Glen House, and the pre-k teacher grabbed it.

Only the two teachers could row the canoe and they couldn't get all the children across in one trip; the canoe could hold only three people at a time. The teachers decided that they could leave some students alone briefly on one side or the other. The pre-k students were capable of looking after themselves and one toddler each. But the teachers could not leave more toddlers than pre-k students on either side of the river.

After some trips across the river and back, the pre-k students and their teacher marched off toward the golf course and the toddlers and their teacher headed back to the Center for nap time.

Question

Describe their passage.

Bonus Question

The next day, five toddlers and their teacher were stuck on one side of College Hill Road with the same canoe and five pre-K students and their teacher were stuck on the other, both groups wishing to cross. What did they do?

Rules

Solutions to Puzzle #1314.4: The Row Across, with a brief statement of your reasoning, may be sent to puzzle@hamilton.edu, or, via campus mail, to Russell Marcus, Philosophy Department. Bald solutions do not merit prizes; you must explain your reasoning. Make sure to include your contact information, including class year, with your solution. A winner will be chosen among those who submit satisfactory solutions. Any one may play the puzzle, but only current Hamilton students may win prizes.

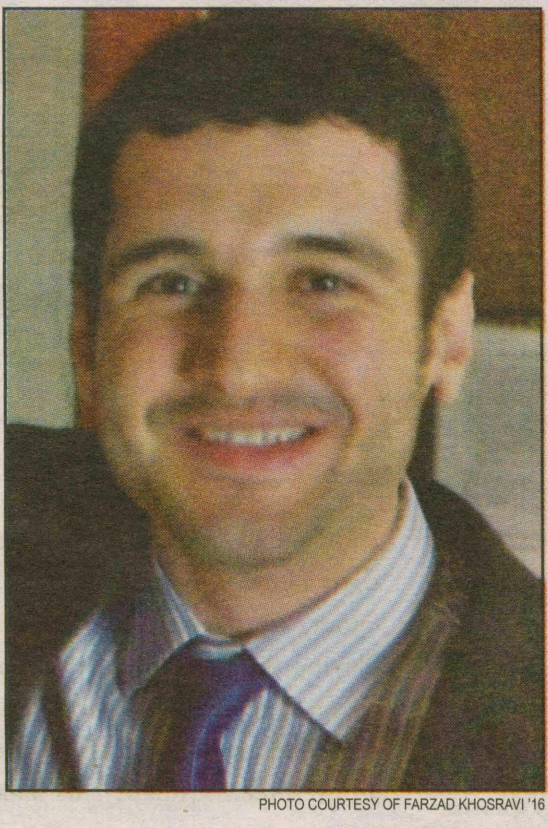
Prizes

Prize winners receive a t-shirt or mug from Lulasail, home of the best philosophy t-shirts on the web.

The Deadline for Puzzle #1314.4: The Row Across is Monday, May 5, 2014, at 4pm. All entries must be received by that time. Visit our brand new website: http://academics.hamilton.edu/philosophy/logic-puzzles

Bachelor and Bachelorette

Farzad Khosravi '16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Hometown: *Louisville, Kentucky.*
Home on Campus: *Bundy West.*
Major: *Government.*
Turn On? *Aliens...*
Turn Off? *When America isn't #1.*
If you were a dorm, which would you be and why? *Dunham because I'm a nice guy.*
Lights on or lights off? *Off probably.*
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? *Armin Van Buuren and Frank Sinatra. Perfect mix of chill and classy.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life? *Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.—Whole Earth Catalogue.*
What TV genre best describes you? *Science Fiction. #thefutureisexciting*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *Who is your daddy, and what does he do?*
What's your type? *Passionate about something, intelligent, active, curious, life-long learner and humble. Also, being a snob about chocolates helps!*
What are three things you cannot live without? *Chocolate, Internet and the inability to do activities outside because it's snowing, raining, windy and cold...*
If you were any social space, what would it be? *The Annex. Everybody sweats in the Annex.*
Where do you go when you want to be alone? *It's a secret, but I'm willing to share.*
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *Hamilton Space Society. 10/10 aesthetic posters. Beautiful people. Everybody is super smart. Future leaders of America. Disclaimer: I'm VP of Hamilton Space Society.*
What's your spirit animal and why? *Bonobos. Peaceful, humble, smart and full of love.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *Put a lot of cocaine on top of the snow. No one will suspect it.*
What would you give a thumbs up? *Freedom.*
What would you give a thumbs down? *Anti-Freedom.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *This girl on the second floor of the library who is always studying there with a bunch of books and papers on the table. Can't make it anymore vague than that.*
Who would you say is your faculty crush? *Whoever loves freedom and America as much as I do.*
What would your perfect date be? *Trip to outer space.*

Maggie Maloney '15

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Hometown: *New York, N.Y.*
Home on Campus: *Milbank.*
Major: *World Politics.*
Turn On? *Being a Jan.*
Turn Off? *Not having a sense of humor.*
If you were a dorm, which would you be and why? *Saunders because it's a hidden gem.*
Lights on or lights off? *Off.*
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? *Jay-Z and Beyoncé because I really identify with Blue Ivy.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life? *L'Oréal—because I'm worth it.*
What TV genre best describes you? *Any competitive singing show.*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *"You look like my next ex-girlfriend."*
What's your type? *Someone who pumps iron...because I'm anemic.*
What are three things you cannot live without? *WebMD, Ginger Ale, anything fried.*
If you were any social space, what would it be? *Bundy because I can get sloppy on the weekends but look decent the next morning.*
Where do you go when you want to be alone? *My car.*
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *Any a cappella group.*
What's your spirit animal and why? *Tweety Bird because she's small and squeaky.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *I would steal a golf cart for personal use.*
What would you give a thumbs up? *Wendy the jitney driver.*
What would you give a thumbs down? *Yik Yak.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *I'll never tell.*
Who would you say is your faculty crush? *Ambassador Ned Walker...maybe it's the title, maybe it's not.*
What would your perfect date be? *An Opus date.*
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *I've been hiding Thomas Isen in my room all semester.*
If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? *Going abroad because all my friends are gone.*

The Major Four-Teens earn spot in international barbershop competition

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The Major Four-Teens won the 2014 Seneca Land District regional competition in Geneva, NY, earning them a spot in the annual Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest this summer in Las Vegas.

by Max Newman '16
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Major Four-Teens, Hamilton's very own barbershop quartet, has qualified for the 22nd annual Harmony Foundation Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest (CBQC). The group earned a spot in the international competition by winning the Seneca Land District regional competition in Geneva, N.Y. on April 11.

The quartet, which is comprised of seniors Will Robertson (bass), Andrew Rippel (baritone), Gabe Mollica (tenor) and Jake Taylor (lead), performed "My Wonderful One" and "Recipe for Making Love." The group has worked on these two songs since its formation in October.

Unlike many Hamilton barbershop quartets in past years, each member of the Major Four-Teens is a music major. It is no surprise that they all belong to the Hamilton College Choir as well. In fact, Taylor and Rippel competed in the 2012 CBQC with the group called Diminished Fourth (C). The previous experience may have helped the group reach the final round this year.

The regional competition is highly competitive, as the Seneca Land District features around 50 registered quartets from Upstate New York and northwest Pennsylvania. The Major Four-Teens went into the competition under the leadership of Associate Professor of Music Rob Hopkins. Considering the fact that Professor Hopkins was both a past judge and president of the Barbershop Harmony Society, The Major Four-Teens couldn't have had a better mentor.

Robertson spoke on behalf of the quartet. "Professor Hopkins has been instrumental in getting us to be even remotely successful. His knowledge of the Barbershop style and his meticulous coaching have brought us to where we are now. We are incredibly lucky to have such a talented and respected coach for our quartet."

The quartet's success did not come easily. The group met with Hokins frequently in preparation for the competition.

On the successful performance, Professor Hopkins said, "The quartet developed a fine sound and practiced hard to win the regional competition. They performed well on the College Choir concert after spring break, too. I'm proud of their accomplishments and they should be, as well."

"The barbershop quartet performance style is particularly difficult because it requires precision balance, intonation, synchronization, and a commitment to sharing the emotions of the song with the audience," Hopkins added.

This year's CBQC competition will be held on July 1 in Las Vegas, Nev. Unfortunately, the quartet will not compete because two members have summer job obligations.

"[It's] a shame because The Major Four-Teens is a good quartet and the members would have been able to put on their very best performance in Las Vegas," Hopkins said, "in part because of the confidence that comes with winning the regional competition, but also because they received some excellent suggestions from the regional judges about how to improve their performance."

Although the Major Four-Teens' run has come to an end, their accomplishments may have marked the beginning of Hamilton's future success at the annual CBQC competition.

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The Major Four-Teens: (left to right) Gabe Mollica (tenor), Will Robertson (bass), Jake Taylor (lead) and Andrew Rippel (baritone).

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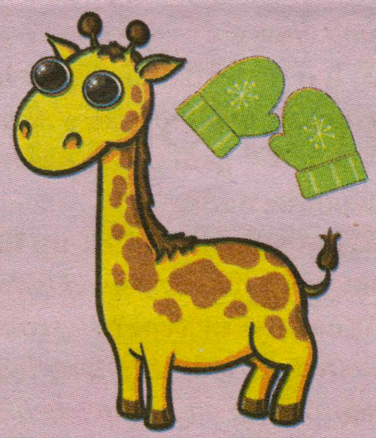

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"Problems"—Mother Mother

"I'm Beginning To See the Light"—Bobby Darin

"Over the Hills and Far Away"—Led Zeppelin

"Doo Wop (That Thing)—Lauryn Hill

"Midnight In Her Eyes"—The Black Keys

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CAB concludes another year of acoustic coffeehouses with a personable performance by Lucy Wainwright Roche

by Lucas Phillips '16
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Lucy Wainright Roche's performance in the last CAB acoustic coffeehouse of the year had every reason to be boring; except, it wasn't.

Unlike most other headlining coffeehouse acts, Roche didn't have the dynamic, textural and visual power of a band. Except for a sing-along, Roche performed alone, accompanying her vocals with acoustic guitar. She performed almost all slow, melody-driven ballads in major keys.

The singer played a number of songs from her most recent album, *There's A Last Time For Everything*, including "Seek and Hide," "Take What You're Given" and her popular cover of Robyn's "Call Your Girlfriend." Occasionally, one wished that she had the same support she had on the recordings, drums to move the beat along or vocalists to increase the range of sound, but Roche had a gimmick-free good voice, small though plaintive, with a fascinating whispering quality.

PHOTO BY ZACH BATSON '16

Lucy Wainright Roche's impressive vocals as well as her engaging personality, made the final CAB acoustic coffeehouse of the year memorable.

She sounded nearly as good as the recording with the freshness of live performance.

Still, it was her personality that really made the show fun. When she first came onstage, she looked shy or perhaps uninterested. And after her first song, she took people aback by asking simply, "Does anyone have any questions?" Audience members asked a range of questions ,and she asked one as well. "So, tell me about Hamilton," Roche inquired. After successive songs, she asked, "What else can you tell me about Hamilton?" Her persistence was hilarious and, frankly, endearing. She told stories about being on tour with her well-known brother, Rufus Wainwright, and quipped that the audience had only come for the family name. In the midst of a sing-along of Bruce Springsteen's "Hungry Heart," she stopped after the second chorus, launching into a story about the difficulties of getting a Lithuanian audience to sing along (the audience only got excited when she said the word 'basketball'). She lightly criticized us for being similarly quiet, and the audience finished the song with her in a hearty unison.

Her open, slyly comedic personality kept her set from monotony. Her songs sounded more-or-less similar through the entire night, but the conversation with the audience in between songs helped maintain the novelty of her singing. She launched into her songs effortlessly, talking all the way until she hit the first chord. She presented more than her music; she presented herself, and it was charming. Besides, everyone likes a slow, acoustic cover of "Call Your Girlfriend," even if, she warned us, the lyrics are bad advice.

Rising hip-hop artist Vic Mensa to perform in Sadove Basement

by Alex Bicks '16
Arts & Entertainment Contributor

Three weeks after bringing punk rockers Cloud Nothings to the Hill, the Independent Music Fund (IMF) (with WHCL) is sponsoring its second spring concert, Vic Mensa.

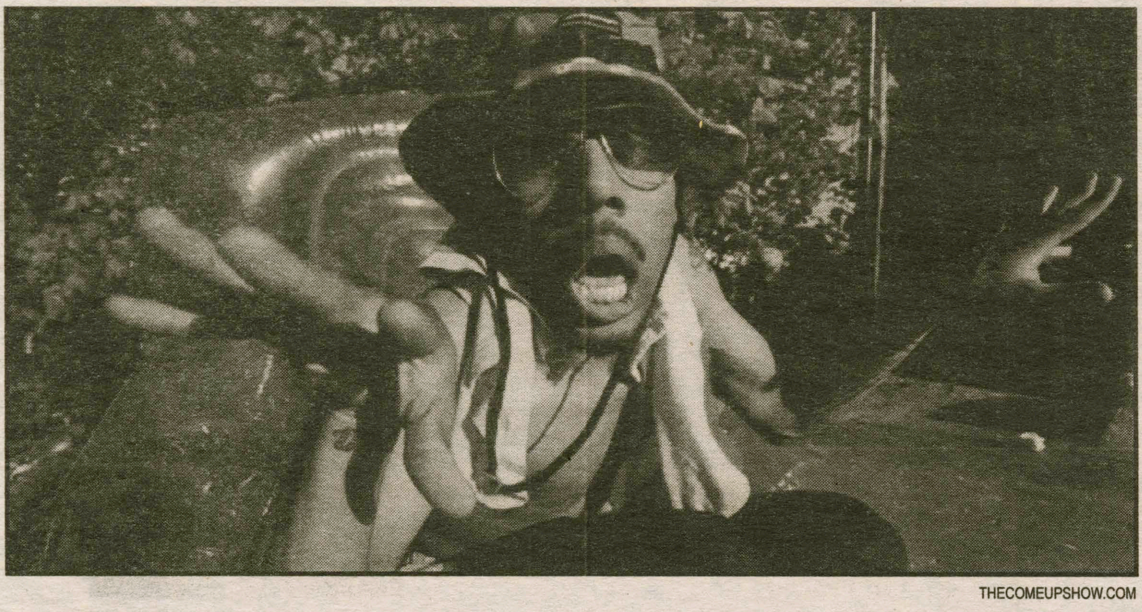
Mensa is a product of the booming Chicago hip-hop scene. He was formally a member of the 2009 indie band Kids These Days but has since focused on his solo career as a hip-hop artist. A young man himself (he will turn 21 this summer), Mensa is no stranger to the spotlight. Over the past year, Mensa has toured with J. Cole, Wale and Danny Brown.

In September 2013, he released *INNANETAPE*, his stand-out project to date. Mensa's musical style sits at a crossroads between hard-hitting bars and soulful hooks over a plethora of beats. His songs range from the simple drum-and-synth driven "Orange Soda" to the elegantly hectic "RUN!" featuring Thundercat.

His lyrics speak of life in Chicago, his affiliation with SAVEMONEY (a hip-hop collective spearheaded by Mensa and Chance the Rapper) and the trials and tribulations of a 20-year old breaking into the music business. His vernacular is particularly mature and humble for an artist who is on the cusp of turning into one of today's hip-hop powerhouses.

Mensa is known for his highly energetic performances; This is why you don't want to miss him. This concert will be a great place for Hamilton students to get out their party-energy before the onset of finals.

Mensa will perform this Saturday, May 3, at 10 p.m. (doors 9:30 p.m.) in Sadove Basement and is free for Hamilton students. William Skeng (DJ set) is scheduled to open.



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Vic Mensa will be performing his hit song, "Orange Soda."

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Hamilton College Orchestra

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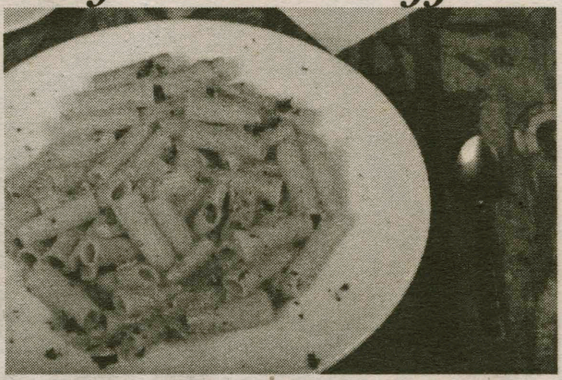

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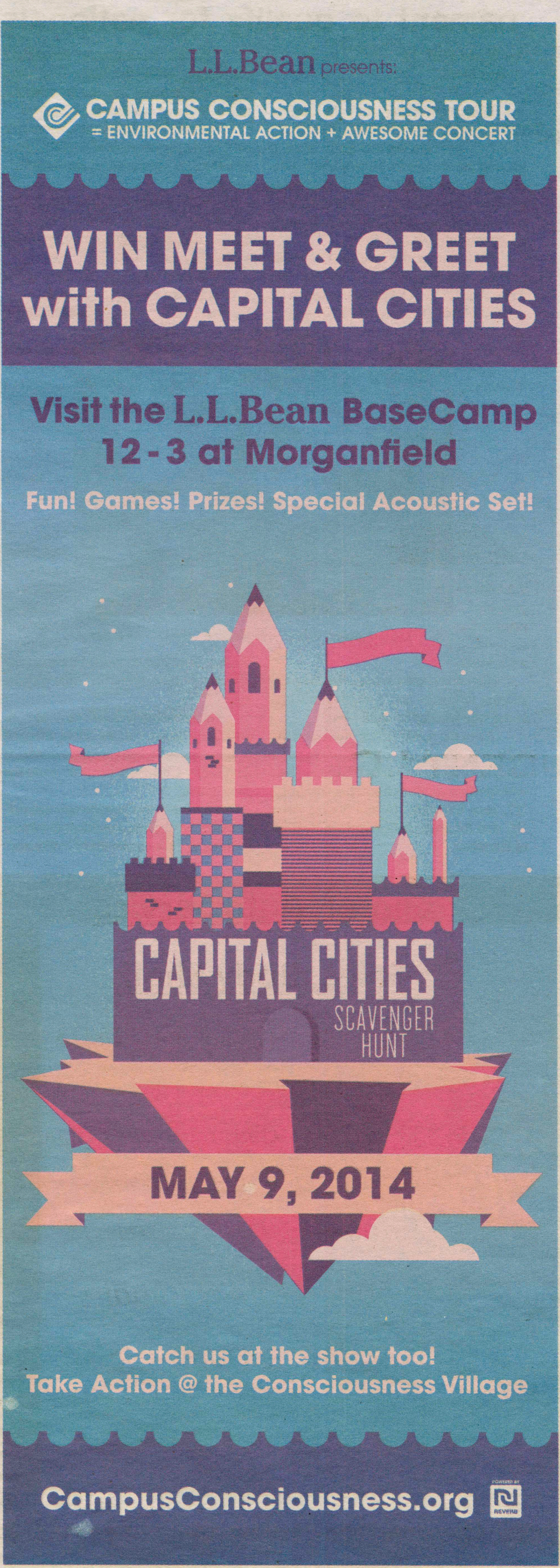

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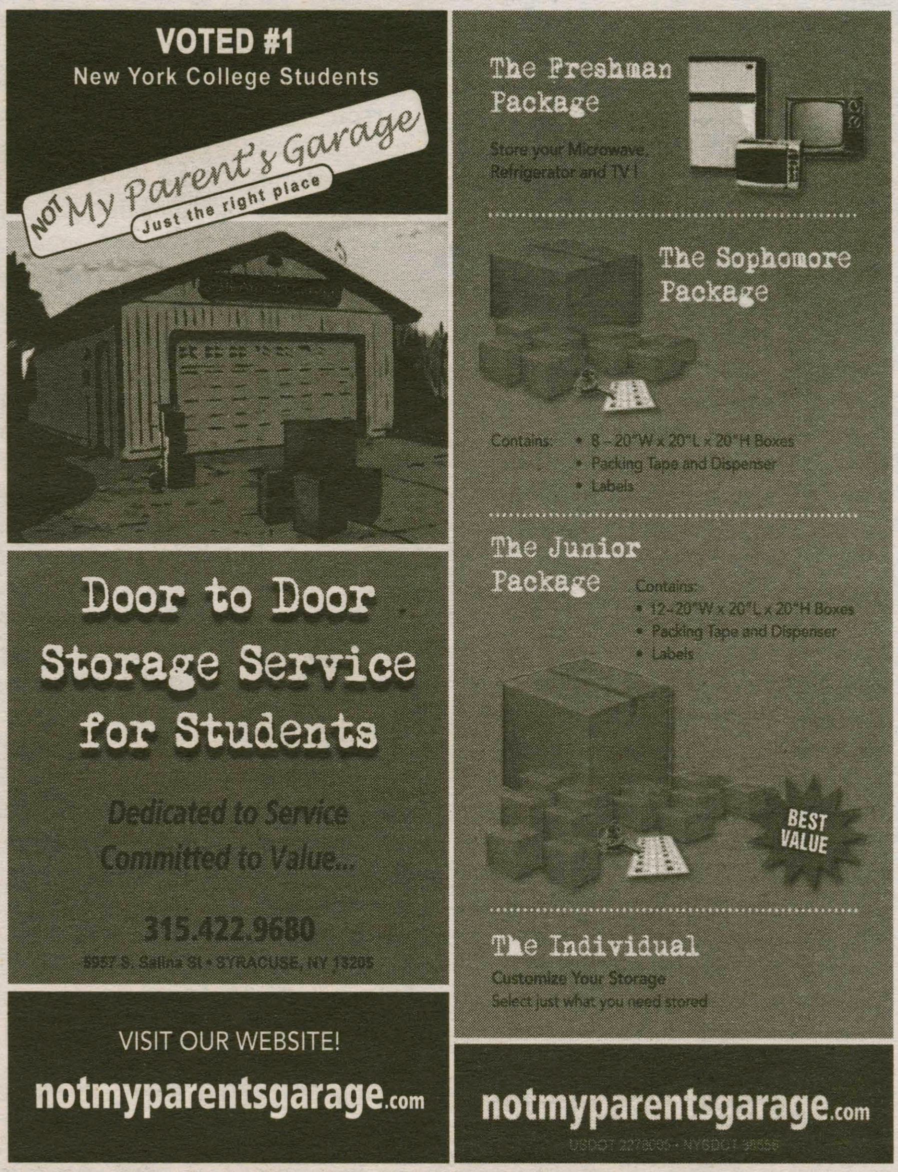

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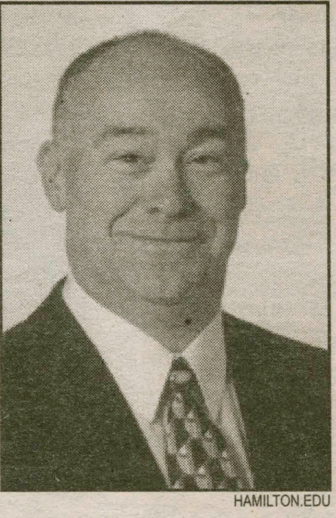
SAVES & athletics unite for sexual assault readings

by Ben Fields '15
Managing Editor

As the clock struck noon on Friday, April 25, over 50 student-athletes, coaches, administrators and other members of the community gathered outside of Commons Dining Hall for the second annual sexual assault reading.

In the past year, Athletic Director Jon Hind '80 has worked to create a great partnership between SAVES and the athletic department. This partnership has born the sexual assault readings, which have proven very successful both years.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Athletic Director Jon Hind

This year, there were 17 stories read by over 25 male student-athletes from a wide range of teams. The stories were written by survivors of sexual assault and remained anonymous. For 45 minutes, student-athletes read each story to the crowd, which increased as more members of the Hamilton community stopped to listen. Each story brought its own powerful message against sexual assault.

As a student reader, I have rarely been in a more powerful setting. The stories were frighteningly honest and were treated with reverence by each reader and listener. It was impossible to be at this event without gaining a new understanding of how sexual assault victims feel both during and after an attack. While we can never fully understand what survivors go through, this reading shed light on an often overlooked topic.

Each reading was written in first-person, often leaving the readers speechless as they read through horrifying stories for the first time. The clear message that came through from this event was that sexual assault has no place at Hamilton or anywhere else.

Hind has made sexual assault awareness one of the cornerstones of the athletics department and has striven to ensure that, not only every student-athlete, but every student understands the consequences of sexual assault.

Events like the reading are only one step that the Hamilton community is taking to eliminate sexual assault and violence. SAVES has trained many peer advocates as well as sponsored various events for survivors while raising awareness.

SAVES' partnership with athletics is crucial as a study done by the National Coalition against Violent Athletes notes that although male athletes make up only 3.3 percent of the population, they are responsible for 19 percent of sexual assaults and one in three college sexual assaults. Hamilton athletics is making a positive step forward and will continue to impress upon both its athletes and the student body that sexual assault is not welcome anywhere.

As one story ended, "True love should not come with bruises."

W. Frisbee wins regional tournament to qualify for nationals

by Yoshi Hill '16
Sports Editor

This past weekend at the DIII Metro East regional championships, Hamilton's women's ultimate frisbee team faced a gauntlet of six games in two days. Emphatically responding to the challenge, the Hot Sauce'hers won the tournament, allowing thm to qualify for the National championships.

The team set the tone for the weekend by dominating RPI 15-0 in their first game. Against SUNY Geneseo in their next game, the Sauce'Hers encountered more resistance but controlled the game throughout and won 11-6.

PHOTO BY ZOE TESSLER '16
The Hot Sauce'hers celebrate their victory.

Itsnext opponent was SUNY Oneonta, whom it had beaten once but also lost to in the championship game of the sectional tournament.

Hamilton started out at a frenetic pace causing turnovers and defensive mishaps and giving Oneonta a slight lead.

When the Sauce'hers settled down the team was able to put together a five point run. The team took over in the second half with impressive efforts from Hannah Strong '17, Jessi Crowley '16 and Sophie Aron '16, and the game ended up 14-8 in favor of Hamilton.

After the excitement of defeating a challenging rival, the Sauce'hers were exhausted, and they showed in in the first half of its game against Ithaca College.

Nevertheless, following a close first half, the floodgates opened, and Hamilton raced to a 15-3 win to conclude Saturday's games.

Sunday began with a systematic picking-apart of Vassar, in which the 'Hers' tenacious defense exhausted the opposition so that they won 14-2.

The team emerged from this game with one less teammate; Audrey Love '17 fractured her ankle, stripping the team of one of its most dependable scorers in a game with immediate qualification for nationals on the line.

The Hot Sauce'hers faced Connecticut College in a tight and strategic contest. Hamilton controlled the majority of the game and reached half-time with the score 8-3.

The staunch defense of Zoe Tessler '16 kept Conn at bay, and the 'Hers wrapped up the game 9-5 when Crowley connected with Libby Chamberlain '14 to score the game point.

The Hot Sauce'hers exceptional performance has the team confident about progressing to the later rounds of Nationals.

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Walsh headlines track and field at NESCAC meet

by Joe Jensen '15
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College Outdoor Track and Field team had a strong showing at the NESCAC Championships, which were held at Colby College this past weekend. The best performance of the meet came from Adrian Walsh '16 who took the NESCAC title in the 10K. Her time of 35:36.93 earned her All-Conference honors and was more than four seconds faster than the second place finisher. Walsh currently owns the third-fastest time in Division III for the race.

When asked how she felt this past weekend, she responded, "This weekend felt great — it was a great race and incredibly helpful to be running neck and neck with Williams. The kick at the end was very exciting, and having the team cheering around the track undoubtedly helped. I'm hoping to continue on an upward trend!" If her time holds up in the coming weeks she will be headed to Nationals. Also performing well this past weekend was Sarah Ohanesian '14, who placed seventh in the 1500-meter run and Michelle Fish '17 who placed ninth in the 800-meter run.

On the men's side the best finisher was Sampson Reider '14 who took fourth place in the 400-meter dash. His time of 49.72 was only .3 seconds off of the school record. Adam Pfander '16 also ran to a seventh place finish in the 10K. Another noteworthy performance came from the team of Reider, Nate Somes '16, Matthew McCarron '17 and Grant Whitney '17, who finished seventh in the 1600-meter relay.

In the field events, the Hamilton men made a big splash, putting three men in the top eight of the hammer throw. Leading the way was captain Will Tifft '14 taking fifth in the event. Following close behind were Dylan Berardelli '16, placing sixth, and Matthew Peterfreund '14, placing eighth. The three competitors threw distances of 45.45 meters, 45.21 meters and 43.35 meters, respectively. However, Peterfreund was not done yet, as he also finished with sixth place in the javelin throw, with a mark of 48.90 meters.

This weekend, the Continentals will be headed to Pittsford, N.Y. for the NYSCTC championships, hosted by St. John Fisher. Walsh will look to maintain her dominance in the 10K while also competing in the 5K. When asked how the rest of the team should perform, she responded confidently, saying, "I think everyone on the team has potential to run great races and place highly."

She also added, "The competition will definitely be there to help push members of the team. Most girls are doubling or tripling in events, so it will be a very busy and exciting meet!"

For the men, Reider will try to improve his time and attempt to set the school record. Captain Jake London '14 spoke very highly of Reider's chances this weekend, saying, "We expect big things from Sampson Reider. He currently owns the second fastest time in the NYSCTC for the 400 meter dash."

London expressed his confidence in the youth of the team, saying, "This is a young up and coming team. We are looking at this meet as chance for our guys to gain some championship experience and build on all the training and work we've put in over the last six months. We have a number of guys looking to compete in the 5,000 meter against the best the NYSCTC has to offer, as well as each other."

London also said that the relay teams will also be looking to build off their performance last week, noting, "We have dealt with a lot of injuries so we are still building the chemistry needed for a successful relay, but this week I know we are going to put it all together."

Last, though certainly not least, the men's throwers will want to establish themselves, hopefully even improving their marks and ultimately place higher. London specifically drew attention to this strength of the team, "Our best chance to put up points is definitely the throwers. Will Tifft and Matt Peterfreund are very capable of scoring in their respective throwing events. Dylan Berardelli has also made a big impact in his rookie season and is in a great position to get into scoring contention."

It is safe to say the Continentals have high expectations for this weekend. They have strengths across the board and should fare very well. This is an important meet for many competitors as it is the last chance to qualify for ECACs, which will be held the weekend following NYSCTCs at Rensselaer (Troy, N.Y.).

PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE DOHERTY

The 10K time of Adrian Walsh '16 will likely send her to Nationals.

Softball wins 6 of last 10

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Kiernan contributed five hits. In the second game, Leonard limited the opposition to four hits and pitched the entire game.

A mere two days after their sweep of Skidmore, the Continentals welcomed Amherst, a NESCAC West Division rival, to Clinton. Amherst has consistently ranked among the top teams in the New England region and reflected these accolades with two victories on April 25-26. However, in the final game of the series, the Continentals gained some measure of vengeance with an 8-5 triumph.

Hamilton's offense awakened in the fourth inning with five runs produced by RBIs from Miller, Becca Butler '17, Jenn Rougeux '14 and Kiernan, who notched a career-best four hits in the game. The team's defense played its part by limiting the Jeffs to one baserunner the rest of the game.

To conclude their season, the Continentals traveled to face St. Lawrence for their fourth and fifth games in the three day period. The fatigue showed through, as they lost the first game 8-3. However, they made sure to end their season right. Leonard won in her 14th complete game of the season. Sarah Moore '16 recorded three RBIs, while Hannah Staab '17 went four of five and scored two runs.

Summing up her team's positive end to the season, Coach Patricia Cipicchio said, "The NESCAC is always a tough conference, and we ended the season playing our best softball which is always where we should be."

This impressive end to the season bodes well for next year, as the Continentals hope to qualify for the NESCAC playoffs. They will have to endure the loss of three seniors, Rougeux, Miller and Chelsea Merritt who imparted resilience and passion. They persevered through much turmoil as the team has undergone three coaching changes in four years. Coach Cipicchio stated her admiration for their adaptability in saying, "[The coaching changes] could have easily been an excuse to grow frustrated and walk away. The fact that they stuck around, adapted to an entirely new culture again this year … shows how deep their love of the game goes, and how much respect they have for their teammates."

Nevertheless, Coach Cipicchio is confident that both sides of the game will be areas of strength: "Ellie Kiernan has stepped up in more ways than one over the course of the season, and she will continue to be a leader for us with her play and passion. Kelly Leonard also fought hard this season and will be a reliable presence for us in the circle."

Merritt echoed this prediction of a successful next season. "I think Hannah Staab will play a huge role on the field next season. She is a true utility player, filling whatever role coach asked of her on a given day."

Another sign that points toward improvement next year is the return of power-hitting catcher and outfielder Olivia Gozdz '16. She was felled by an injury for the final quarter of the season and should rejoin an offensive lineup, which promises to score many runs.

This season, Hamilton finished two places below those who qualified for the playoffs. With some improvement, the team should be able to climb the standings to usurp its division rivals, Amherst and Middlebury.

M. Tennis honors Swett '14

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for years to come.

First-year doubles star McKee-Proctor said after the match, "Austin and I ended the season on a great note, beating Conn College with tons of energy and crowd support. My first year on this team was incredible, and we wrapped it all up with a great win in one of the most important matches of our season. Even though we couldn't pull out the overall victory, everyone left it all out on the court and I have a lot of confidence in our team for the years to come."

"My first year on this team was incredible, and we wrapped it all up with a great win in one of the most important matches of our season."
—Max McKee-Proctor '17

Heading into the singles matches, the Continentals were in good shape. Both first-year Jon Cohen, playing in the number 5 position, and James Oliver '15, playing in the number 1 position, had commanding victories. However, Hamilton could not scrape out another win in some very close matches, losing the contest in the end. After the match, Lokre spoke highly of the team in saying, "Our team displayed strong character and fight in our last match and throughout the season. We lost a few very close matches and still managed to battle through adversity and continue to improve as players."

With only one senior graduating, the men's tennis team is poised for success in the coming years. Reiterating these sentiments, Lokre stated, "With a young, dedicated team and a knowledgeable coach, the program is bound to reach even more success in years to come."

Everybody on the team is excited for next fall when the season starts up again. Coach Barr and the entire Hamilton squad is motivated to turn these close matches around. Matt Billet, a rising senior on the team ready to embrace a position of leadership on the team, remarked on the loss, "While the result didn't play out the way we would have liked against Conn, I was extremely proud of everybody's hard work and determination throughout the season."

Looking to the future, the team is ready to make a statement in the NESCAC with strong recruits joining the team next year. Matt Billet, continued his excitement for the team in, saying, "Despite the large turnover on the roster with five freshman, the whole team left everything on the court this season and collectively pushed each other to become better student-athletes."

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Veasey wins first W. Golf home tournament

by Sterling Xie '16
Sports Editor

Most Hamilton athletic teams are in the nascent stages of their NESCAC careers, attempting to establish a foothold within the conference. However, the Hamilton women's golf team, having just completed its second year, is in the even more primeval position of trying to establish a reputation on campus.

If the results of the season-ending Hamilton Spring Invitational are any indication, the program's future appears promising. Hosting the first home tournament since its founding, the team finished second against Holy Cross (DI) and Le Moyne College (DII). The invitational took place from April 26-27 at Skenandoa Country Club in Clinton, just over a mile off the Hill.

Hamilton's brightest star has been Katie Veasey '17, who won the tournament with a cumulative two-day score of 173, including an 85 on Saturday that marked the lowest round shot by any golfer. Playing in cold and windy conditions, Veasey believes the familiarity of the College's course aided her first individual medalist finish.

"I would say that the conditions this weekend were tough for everyone," she said, "but knowing the course prior to playing still gave us in advantage in the subtle breaks in Skenandoa's greens and in placing the ball in the right spot off the tee."

Captain Liz Morris '16, who finished fifth in the field with an overall score of 184 (including a career-best 88 on Sunday), echoed Veasey's sentiments. "Golf is a game of nuance," asserted Morris. "The team spent time playing our course to figure out all of those nuances. Having a tournament on a home course is a big advantage because the experience of hitting shots from many places helps you make a plan on how to attack each shot."

First-year Katie Veasey's 85 on Saturday was the tournament's lowest score.

Charlotte Chandler '17 rounded out the team's top-10 finishes. Chandler shot consecutive rounds of 94 to finish seventh overall, with a total of 188. Hamilton's four-person score of 762 in the tournament was easily its best team total of the spring season. Despite facing poor conditions for much of the spring, the Continentals have demonstrated steady improvement in their scores. The trio of Veasey, Morris and Chandler previously propelled the team to a pair of fifth-place finishes at the Myrtle Beach Shootout and Le Moyne's Mike Bello Invitational, besting the team's two sixth-place finishes from the fall slate.

With a runner-up finish now under their belts, the Continentals are poised to piggyback off that success and buoy their reputation on campus. "I'm really proud of how far the team has come since its start two years ago," said Morris. "Our youth is also a big strength, since no one's age keeps them from the starting lineup. Katie Veasey's work ethic, mental toughness, and golf game are an example for the team to follow. Going forward, I'm expecting big things from this team."

Indeed, with no graduating seniors, the golf team will have its current squad fully intact next season, a luxury rarely experienced. Rising seniors Anne Govern '15 and Katie Steates '15 will also return to augment the current core.

Veasey, who pinpointed her day-to-day consistency as an area she is targeting for improvement, expects that a similar team-wide philosophy should produce better finishes next season. "I think our home tournament helped advance our program," she stated. "Our coaches did a fantastic job running it, so hopefully this will attract more teams in the future. I think our success this past weekend is a great indication of our potential for the fall."

Attention is often difficult to earn, especially when one typically performs far from the eyes of their peers. But by delivering an individual win and showcasing talented team-wide depth, the women's golf team took a decisive step forward in earning some well-deserved respect.

Inspiring end to softball's season

by Yoshi Hill '16
Sports Editor

Despite a difficult stretch in April, the softball team came out determined to show what it was capable of and fought its way to six wins in its final 10 games.

After two losses to Middlebury, in which the Continentals lost by a total of three runs, they set the record straight in the third and final game of the series. This was its first victory against the New England region no. 8 ranked Panthers since April 2008.

In a series defined by dominant pitching, Hamilton's bats gave Kelly Leonard '15, pitching in her second game of the day, the one run she needed to walk away with the victory. She struck out seven batters and retired 23 of the 24 batters to which she pitched in a complete game shutout.

Feeding off of their victory over a tough NESCAC rival, the Continentals won three of their next four matchups, including a sweep of Skidmore on April 23. They outscored Skidmore 14-6 and 8-2, thanks to offensive contributions from Sam Miller '14 and Ellie Kiernan '15.

Through the two games, Miller batted .750 with three doubles and six RBIs, and

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M. Tennis edged by Conn College

by Tucker Hamlin '17
Sports Writer

Headed into the final weekend of the season, the men's tennis team looked to end the season on a high note. After several hours of a hard fought match, Conn College managed to pull away with a 5-4 victory.

The Continentals (9-11, 0-7 NESCAC) have had a competitive season. From Amherst to Williams to Tufts, the NESCAC boasts many of the top 10 Division III schools. Throughout the season, a young Hamilton squad battled to make a name for itself. Unfortunately, Saturday ended with a another loss with a final score of 5-4.

Before their final matches, which were played on Hamilton's indoor courts, the Continentals honored their captain, Ben Swett '14. Hamilton quickly went up 2-1 in doubles thanks to strong victories by the Oliver/Swett team (8-4), and the force of Lokre/McKee-Proctor (8-4). Austin Lokre '16 and Max McKee-Proctor '17 tied a school record with 14 doubles wins, demonstrating that their teamwork is going to make them tough competitors

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Coach Patricia Cipicchio has brought much-needed stability to the team.

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Ben Swett '14 and James Oliver '15 won their final doubles match.